

## 5      Claims

## 1.      A pad assembly comprising:

a plurality of flexible sheets (42), each sheet being generally rectangular, of the same size and said sheets (42) having front (41) and rear (43) surfaces and peripheral edges including first (15) and second (16) opposite edges, said sheets having a band (40) of repositionable pressure sensitive adhesive coated on said rear surface (43) for adhering adjacent sheets together,

said band (40) being substantially parallel to the first (15) and second (16) edges and being spaced by a first predetermined spacing (1) from said first edge (15) and by a second predetermined spacing (2) from said second edge (16),

wherein the ratio between the first predetermined spacing (1) from the edge (19) of the band (40) closest to said first edge (15) to said first edge and the second predetermined spacing (2) from the edge (20) of the band (40) closest to said second edge to said second edge (16) is in the range of 0.1 to 10.

20     2.      The pad assembly according to claim 1, wherein said band (40) comprises a plurality of repositionable pressure sensitive adhesive stripes (45) being substantially parallel to the first (15) and second (16) edges and being spaced from neighboring stripes by areas (46) which comprise no adhesive.

25     3.      The pad assembly according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said band (40) of repositionable pressure sensitive extends continuously across the rear surface of said sheet between a first side edge (13) and a second side edge (14), which side edges are perpendicular to the first (15) and second (16) edge.

30     4.      The pad assembly according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the ratio between the spacing (1) from the edge (19) of the band (40) closest to said first edge (15) to said first edge and the spacing (2) from the edge (20) of the band (40) closest to said second edge to said second edge (16) is in the range of 0.25 to 4 and preferably between 0.5 and 2 and more preferably about 1.

- 5        5.     The pad assembly according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the width of the flexible sheets (42) is in the range of 30 mm to 150 mm and the length of the flexible sheets (42) is in the range of 30 mm to 200 mm, preferably in the range of 30 mm to 155 mm.
- 10      6.     The pad assembly according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the ratio between the area of the rear side which is coated with adhesive to the area without adhesive is in the range of 0.1 to 0.4, preferably in the range of 0.2 to 0.3 and most preferably 0.27.
- 15      7.     The pad assembly according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the ratio between the width (3) of the band (40) perpendicular to the first edge (15) and the sum of the first predetermined spacing (1) and the second predetermined spacing (2) is in the range of 0.1 to 0.4, preferably in the range of 0.2 to 0.3 and most preferably 0.27.
- 20      8.     The pad assembly according to any of the preceding claims, further including a protective back sheet or back card having a front surface, the rear surface of the bottom most sheet in the pad being adhesively attached to the front surface of the back sheet or back card, and the front surface of the back sheet or back card being at least coextensive with the sheets in the pad.
- 25      9.     The pad assembly according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the band (40) of repositionable pressure sensitive adhesive is the only means which connects two adjacent sheets.
- 30      10.   A method of applying an adhesive sheet to a surface, with the steps of:  
                peeling an uppermost sheet from the pad assembly according to any of claims 1-9, and  
                adhering said sheet to said surface.
- 35      11.   A method according to claim 10, wherein said surface is generally vertical.